

Moran Selected Co-Chairman of Job Corps Congressional Caucus

Visits Flint Hills Job Corps Center to Observe Kansas Programs

MANHATTAN - Congressman Jerry Moran, recently selected as the Republican Co-Chairman of the Friends of Job Corps Congressional Caucus, toured the Flint Hills Job Corps Center in Manhattan today to observe Kansas students participating in Job Corps training and mentoring programs for careers.

"I have seen the way Job Corps has changed lives, and I saw that again today by observing the educational activities at Flint Hills Job Corps," Moran said. "Students who participate in Job Corps are given the necessary tools to build the skills that will help them successfully secure a spot in the workplace. My Co-Chairman role on the Friends of Job Corps Congressional Caucus will give me the opportunity to be even more engaged with these programs so that I may further educate my colleagues about Job Corps."

"We would like to thank Congressman Moran for taking the time to see first hand what the needs of the Job Corps program are as well as the training opportunities available for young people," Steve Reitan, Flint Hills Job Corps Center director said. "The students and staff were excited he took time on his tour to listen to their stories and their future plans."

Moran has been an active member of the Friends of Job Corps Congressional Caucus since 2007. Serving on the caucus, Moran works to make sure others in Congress, the administration and the public understand and appreciate the benefits of Job Corps. He will serve as the Republican co-chairman for the 111th Congress.

Job Corps is a federal program administered by the Department of Labor and is the nation's largest residential education and job training program for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16 to 24. The program serves nearly 60,000 students at 122 facilities around the U.S. Approximately 85 percent of Job Corps graduates, nationwide, obtain jobs, enroll in higher education or enter the military after completing the program.

In 2008, Flint Hills Job Corps, based in Manhattan, was ranked one of the top Job Corps centers in the country. Flint Hills serves approximately 250 students and is one of only six Job Corps centers that has a single parent program and child development center.

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